

LOCAL NEWS.

STABAT MATER.—This splendid production of that distinguished composer, Rossini, will be sung by the Choir attached to St. Matthew's Church, and several professional volunteers, on this (Good Friday) evening, at 7 o'clock. We can safely predict, from the excellent talent that will be engaged in its presentation, a musical treat of a character rarely enjoyed in our city.

DRY GOODS.—The attention of our readers is directed to the large stock of spring and summer goods lately received from the North by several of our merchants, and offered to their consideration in the columns of the Standard. For several of their advertisements, see first page.

NEW PUBLICATIONS.—We acknowledge the receipt from G. Brooke, periodical agent, of No. 3 of the Drawing-Room Library, edited by Epes Sargent, containing "Autumn Flowers, and other Poems," by Mrs. Southey (formerly Caroline Bowles); and No. 4 of the Modern Standard Drama, edited by the same gentleman, containing the drama of Richelieu, complete, by Bulwer. Also, Rural Life in New England, a domestic romance, by the author of "Lights and Shadows of Factory Life."

THE ORIGINAL ETHIOPIAN SERENADERS at the Apollo Hall seem to have lost nothing of the popularity which they enjoyed on their first visit, judging by the crowds which have greeted them since their re-appearance, and the evident delight with which their colored extravaganzas are received. Their performances close to-morrow evening.



WASHINGTON CLAY CLUB.

A meeting of the CLUB will be held at Concert Hall, on Saturday evening, 6th inst., at 7½ o'clock, to make preparations for attending the Young Men's Convention of Ratification in Baltimore on the 2d of May next. The Whigs generally are invited to attend.

JOS. H. BRADLEY, President.
JOHN T. TOWERS, Secretaries.
A. B. CLAXTON, Secretaries.

MEMBERS OF CONGRESS, STRANGERS visiting the metropolis, and **CITIZENS**, are respectfully invited to attend the meetings of the Teetotalers, at Concert Hall, every Friday night, where they will hear the most conclusive and convincing arguments against drinking alcoholic liquors of every name and kind, by able advocates of the cause.

DR. J. J. FALES' WORM LOZENGES.—These Lozenges are a safe and sure remedy for worms. Two or three, is a dose for very small children, and five or six, for larger ones.

For sale at the Perfumery, Fancy, and Patent Medicine Depot of **JAMES CLEPHANE,** Corner of Penn. avenue and 12th st.

COUGH LOZENGES. PREPARED with care by Dr. J. J. FALES, Boston, Mass.—They are beneficial in all cases of common Colds, Hooping Cough, and all other Coughs. They are useful in inflammations of the throat and lungs; and they are particularly beneficial in the Hives, and a very good substitute for the celebrated Hives Syrup. They are also a good substitute for the cough candies, quinine cordials, and pulmonary balsams, &c. Take ten per day, or one or two every hour, till relief is obtained.

For sale at the Perfumery, Fancy, and Patent Medicine Depot of **JAMES CLEPHANE,** Corner of Penn. avenue and 12th st.

JUST RECEIVED AND FOR SALE.
10 dozen Jute Mats
8 do Alicante do
40 do Brooms
39 nests Willow Baskets
20 dozen Painted Buckets
10,000 pounds Bacon, hog round
3,000 do Shoulders do
75 spiced Beef Tongues, very superior
100 pounds Bologna Sausage
IN STORE.
30 bags Old Government Java Coffee
50 do Maracaibo, Rio, and St. Domingo
50 boxes Sperm Candles
50 do Mould do
30 packages fresh Teas
15 boxes white and yellow Havana Sugar
20 barrels white Brazil do
15 do crushed and powdered do
500 gallons bleached Winter Sperm Oil
100 sacks Salt
20 boxes Small Plug Tobacco
20 do Ground Pepper
10 casks Cheese
20 boxes Poland Starch
25 do Flg Blue
5 kits No 1 Salmon
100 whole, half, and quarter boxes Raisins
20 boxes pure Castile Soap
40 baskets fresh Champagne, Anchor brand
20,000 Principe Cigars
8,000 Aurora do
5,000 Canone do
With a general assortment of Wines, Liquors, and other articles, which we deem unnecessary to enumerate.
MURRAY & SEMMES,
ap5-2wif South side Penn. avenue, near 4½ st.

TWENTY-EIGHTH CONGRESS, FIRST SESSION.

THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 1844.

SENATE.

A large number of memorials against any alteration in the existing Tariff were presented by Messrs. TALLMADGE, BUCHANAN, and FRANCIS.

Mr. FOSTER presented a petition from citizens of Tennessee, asking a reduction of postage. Mr. BRESE, on leave, introduced a bill providing for the sale of the lands in Illinois, Iowa, and Wisconsin, supposed to contain mines. Mr. B. also gave notice of a bill to abolish the Military Academy.

NAVAL DEPOT AT MEMPHIS.

Mr. FOSTER moved a postponement of the previous orders to take up the bill to establish a navy yard and depot at or adjacent to the city of Memphis, on the Mississippi river, in the State of Tennessee.

Mr. BRESE desired to have this matter postponed until the Mississippi river was surveyed. There was no pressing necessity for it at once. After some further objections to taking up the bill now by Messrs. KING and TAPPAN, which was replied to by Mr. FOSTER, the bill was taken up.

Mr. BRESE then moved an amendment, to strike out all after the enacting clause, and provide that the President should select some officer of the navy, of the rank of post captain, to proceed with a corps of engineers to the Mississippi river, and survey the same, with a view to the selection of a proper site for a naval depot, and that their report should be made in detail. Mr. B. enforced his amendment with a few remarks, and insisted that it would be a blind outlay of a large sum of money, to appropriate it without further information.

Mr. FOSTER said the gentleman from Illinois was fighting behind a masked battery; he did not come out boldly. Between them it was only a question of location, and his friend had not told the Senate which place he preferred—but he (Mr. F.) would tell them. Cairo was the gentleman's El Dorado—a place that was often entirely overlooked; and when he was along there a year or two since, a person might have walked from the deck of a steamboat into the second stories of the houses—his friend from Missouri over the way (Mr. Atchison) smiled, but he knows I speak truly. (Mr. A. nodded assent.) The Senator from Illinois, when this subject comes up, is struck with a shivering of economy, but where was his retrenchment spirit yesterday, when he advocated an appropriation of \$400,000 for the continuance of the national road, \$19,000 per mile?

Memphis was one hundred and sixty miles below Cairo, was healthy and prosperous, and shipped 100,000 bales of cotton yearly to New Orleans; but what did Cairo ship, or what commodity had she to deal in, but alligators? (Laughter.) Memphis was in the same condition with the Grecian General; the Mississippi Senators were instructed to vote for Vicksburg first, and Memphis in the second place—so, after the battle, every general voted the first honors to himself, and the second to Themistocles. Memphis must be the place.

Mr. TAPPAN spoke briefly in opposition to the bill.

Mr. PEARCE thought there was a fatal objection to any place on the Mississippi, and this was, the depth of water. He agreed that Memphis would be the best place for a depot, but could not think it would answer for a navy yard. Mr. FOSTER then made an eloquent appeal in behalf of the West, after which, the bill was laid aside, and the Senate went into executive session.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The first business was the reconsideration of the vote by which the mineral land bill was rejected, but Mr. COLES of Va, reminded the House that all debate on the bill to reduce the pay of the army was to cease at 2 o'clock, and moved to suspend the rules to go into Committee of the Whole on this bill; this motion prevailed, and Mr. WELLER was called to the Chair.

Mr. COLES then addressed the committee at length on the merits of the bill, with occasional interruption from Messrs. J. R. Ingersoll and Mr. Black, of S. C., the author of the bill.

The amendment regulating the nature of punishments gave rise to some diversity of sentiment, whether the punishment should be by imprisonment or as it now is. The amendment was subsequently withdrawn.

Mr. HOLMES moved an amendment providing that if a soldier had conscientious scruples about the propriety of attending divine service of any particular form, he should not be compelled to do it.

Mr. PETTIT defended the motion, and expressed his regret at having withdrawn his amendment the other day to get rid of clergymen altogether. He hoped some gentleman would renew the amendment when the bill was reported to the House.

Mr. P. took occasion to allude to the "blue laws" of Connecticut, which, in connection with the recent news from there, created considerable merriment. Mr. P. also exhorted poor Cotton Mather, and the Salem witchcraft, and concluded by calling upon members to stand by the amendment.

Mr. HALE moved an amendment that no officer or soldier should be compelled to attend religious service. Any provision to the contrary was in violation of the Constitution. Mr. H. spoke at some length, and insisted that religion was degraded and disgraced by being connected with the army and navy.

Mr. HUNT regretted this discussion. The bill did not interfere with any man's faith. It provided simply that the officers and soldiers, for example's sake, if no more, should be required to attend some place of divine worship. He could not possibly concur with those who would deprive the army of religious instruction.

All amendments on this subject were rejected, and at 2 o'clock, P. M., the bill was reported to the House.

Mr. C. JOHNSON moved the previous question. The yeas and nays were called upon its passage, and the same was effected by a vote of 109 to 36.

A resolution reported by the Committee on Public Buildings for the purchase of a Drummond light of Robert C. Grant was taken up, and the yeas and nays called. It was rejected by 88 to 61. The rules were then suspended to enable the House to clear the Speaker's desk of business that had been accumulated there.

Several Executive documents were received and referred.

ADJOURNMENT OF CONGRESS.

The joint resolution from the Senate fixing the adjournment of Congress at the 27th of May was read.

Mr. DROMGOOLE, after a few remarks, in which he took care to say, that perhaps the House might get ready to adjourn earlier than this time, but his wish was to keep the resolution in the power of the House that they might determine, from the progress of business, whether to adopt it or not. He therefore moved the postponement of the consideration of the resolution until the 13th of May.

Mr. BARRINGER asked if the resolution was debatable?

Mr. DROMGOOLE, "I am not debating it, sir." (Laughter.)

Mr. D. then moved a call of the House, and asked for the yeas and nays on the motion, which prevailed by 112 to 89.

The roll was then called, and 169 members answered to their names.

On motion of Mr. BRODHEAD, all further proceedings in the call were dispensed with, and the yeas and nays were called on Mr. Dromgoole's motion, and the resolution fixing the day of adjournment was postponed until the 13th of May by a vote of 91 to 65.

Several Senate bills were read a first and second time, and referred to the appropriate committees.

Mr. J. R. INGERSOLL put in a minority report from the Committee of Ways and Means, on the subject of the Tariff, and moved the printing of the same number of the minority as of the majority report.

Mr. WELLER objected.

Mr. INGERSOLL moved a suspension of the rules, and before the question was decided The House adjourned.

A CARD.

THE subscriber, in consequence of heavy losses by the credit system, has been induced to resolve on selling hereafter (except as to the Government offices and public institutions) exclusively for cash, at reduced prices; and to call again, most respectfully but earnestly, upon all persons indebted to him on account of a date prior to the present year, to call at his store and settle the same before the 1st of May next, as all then remaining unpaid, will, without distinction, be placed in the hands of an officer for collection by compulsory means.

WM. FISCHER.

THE NEW FASHION SUMMER HAT.

I HAVE just received and shall open to-day this entirely new fashioned and exceedingly pleasant Summer Hat. Also, a few cases of Nutria Beaver, Mole-skin, Silk, Cassimere, Brush, and Russia Hats; which, notwithstanding their superior style, will be sold at the present reduced prices.

E. G. HANDY, Between Gadsby's and Brown's Hotels.

FASHIONABLE SPRING CLOTHING.

IN ADDITION to my former stock, I am now adding many very new and desirable goods in my line, of the most modern style and finish, any of which I shall be pleased to furnish to my usual customers, as well as the public at large, at such prices (made in my usual style) as will compare advantageously with any sold in this city. My stock in part consists of—

Super and medium English and French Cloths, Cassimeres, and Vestings, generally assorted; the fancy styles in the lot are of the most modern patterns.

Drillings, Coatings, Umbrellas, Scarfs, Cravats, Hose, Suspenders, Gloves, &c. With a large lot of gentlemen's under garments of all kinds.

Also, Dressing Robes, of various patterns. With many other articles in my way, which I shall be happy to exhibit to all desiring articles of the kind. The quality of all goods warranted as represented.

JOSEPH H. DANIEL, Merchant Tailor,

ap2-1m A few doors west of Brown's Hotel.

LANE & TUCKER.

MERCHANT TAILORS.—We have this day, direct from New York, a select and fashionable lot of Spring and Summer Goods, to which we most respectfully invite the attention of our friends and the public generally.

We have also received our Paris Fashions, and we are now fully prepared to serve all who may favor us with their patronage to the best of our ability.

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DUVALL & BROTHER.

MERCHANT TAILORS. next door to Polk's boarding house, have just received new Spring and Summer Goods, among which are—

Rich French and English Silks and Marseilles Vestings
New style French Cassimeres
A new article of French Cashmere Cloth for coats, very beautiful.

Together with their usual supply of other Cloths, Cassimeres, Gambroons, Drillings, &c.

Our customers of the present Congress and the citizens generally are invited to call, as we feel confident we are prepared to give a good article at moderate price as can be obtained here or elsewhere.

ap2-1w DUVALL & BROTHER.

CIGARS!! CIGARS!!!

Just received—
Cazadores, Regalia, Etrella
La Bella, Delicias, La Norma
Principe, and other choice cigars.

For sale by C. H. JAMES,

Feb 12— Corner 14th and E. st.

MRS. E. B. MILLER'S Fine Cut Chewing Tobacco.

Woodward's fine Smoking Tobacco.

Just received and for sale by C. H. JAMES,

Feb 12— Corner 14th and E. st.

PLANO FORTE WAREROOM.

NUNNS & CLARK'S Piano Agency, under Apollo Hall.—Just received, two superior Piano Fortes, from the well known and highly popular factory of Messrs. Nunn & Clark, of New York; one is an elegant rosewood six and a half octave Piano Forte, grand action, of new style, a superior instrument;

the other a mahogany six octave, grand action, of new style, a superior instrument.

It would be needless to enter into detail in regard to the merits of those pianos, as the manufacturers' names are a sufficient guaranty of their excellence, both in point of tone and durability, as I am authorized in saying that, in eighteen years' manufacturing, then has never been one piano returned as being defective.

Ladies and gentlemen in want of a superior piano, will do well to call at the Piano Warehouse before purchasing elsewhere. Pianos can be furnished from the above factory to order by the undersigned, and shipped to any port, thereby saving the expense of a tour to New York. Members of Congress and others might find this to their advantage, as all pianos from the above establishment are warranted.

WM. MORROW.

BEEF TONGUE AND BOLOGNA SAUSAGE.

A superior quality of the above just received,

and for sale by S. HOLMES,

Mar 27—3t 7th street.

GRAND CONCERT AT APOLLO HALL.

FOR FOUR NIGHTS ONLY!

WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY, AND SATURDAY, April 3d, 4th, 5th, and 6th.

Front seats reserved for Ladies.

THE ORIGINAL ETHIOPIAN SERENADERS, GERMON, STANWOOD, HARRINGTON, AND PELHAM.

Who stand unrivalled in the world! Having just returned from a southern tour, respectfully announce to the Ladies and Gentlemen of Washington City, that they intend giving FOUR of their INIMITABLE PERFORMANCES, commencing on Wednesday evening, April 3d.

N O H U M B U G !!!
This is the only band in the United States in which the ACCORDEON is performed on.

The entertainments being of the most chaste and amusing character, the Serenaders respectfully solicit a share of the patronage so liberally bestowed upon them during their first visit to the city in October last; and they assure the public that every exertion will be used on their part to excel all previous efforts. The performance, varying nightly, will consist of the most popular

SONGS, GLEES, CHORUSES, CONUNDRUMS, COMIC LECTURES, &c. &c.

Accompanied with **THE ACCORDEON, BANJO, CONGO TAMBO, AND BONE CASTINETS!**

In all of which they challenge the world to produce their equals.

For particulars see small bills. Admission, 25 cents—children, under 10 years, half price. Doors open at quarter past 7—concert commence at quarter before 8.

* Police in attendance to preserve order. ap3

CITIZENS' BALL.

FOR THE ERECTION OF A LYCEUM HALL.

THE members of the Metropolitan Lyceum, having received the most flattering encouragement from the citizens of Washington, beg leave respectfully to inform their friends and the public generally that they will give a Citizens' Ball on Monday, April 8, 1844, at Carus's Saloon, the proceeds to be applied for the erection of a Lyceum Hall.

As the citizens of Washington are well aware there is not a single edifice in the Metropolis of the Union which is dedicated to the cause of literature, although our sister city of Alexandria can boast of a splendid hall, which has been erected by the generous beneficence of the citizens of that place; and it is, therefore, with the utmost confidence that we rely upon their aid and support in the praiseworthy undertaking in which we are engaged.

The ball will be under the entire control of the Metropolitan Lyceum, and they pledge themselves that nothing on their part shall be wanting to give satisfaction to all those who shall honor them with their presence.

The following gentlemen have been selected as Managers:

W. W. Seaton, F. W. Thomas,
R. C. Weightman, Charles McNamee,
J. H. Bradley, J. Holland,
Wm. Campbell, James F. Haliday,
James H. Durham, O. Denham,
Charles S. Wallach, George Hilbus,
John Boyle, E. F. Buckingham.

Committee of Arrangements.

D. H. Durham, C. D. Bishop,
H. T. Mickum, F. W. Eckloff,
E. C. Eckloff, Thomas Caton,
Wm. B. Cole, J. P. Freeman.

There will be no bar. Refreshments for the gentlemen on the most moderate terms.

A sufficient number of servants having been engaged, no others will be admitted.

Tickets only \$1 50 (ample refreshments for the ladies included.) to be had from the Committee of Arrangements, W. Fischer's, Buckingham's drug store; Farquhar & Morgan, First Ward, and at the door on the evening of the ball. mar 19—2w

GRAND FANCY DRESS BALL, AT THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS, ON EASTER MONDAY EVENING, APRIL 8, 1844.

Monsieur P. A. DE SAULES has the pleasure to inform the public that he has made arrangements for a splendid and brilliant fete, at the Assembly Rooms, on Monday evening, April 8th. The very liberal and flattering encouragement which his first Ball elicited is a sure guaranty that this will receive a notice equally as favorable.

Mr. CHARLES HOOPER will act as ballet master. Tickets \$2. Ample refreshments will be furnished the ladies.

Tickets may be obtained at Farquhar & Morgan's drug store, Mr. Edward Simms's wine store, at the Post Office Cafe, and at the door on the evening of the Ball. mar 26—6t

NEW GOODS, NEW GOODS! AT THE NEW CHEAP CASH STORE!

THE subscriber has just received from the North a large and beautiful stock of new spring goods, for gentlemen and ladies' wear: his assortment being very extensive and of the most fashionable and latest styles, which can not help pleasing those of the most refined taste; and, what is more important, and which should be a very great inducement to those who wish to economize, they were purchased very low in the very best markets, with great judgment and taste, which will enable him to sell at twenty per cent. less than any other merchant in the city. The public will do well by calling and examining his stock before purchasing elsewhere, consisting of

200 pieces Balzarines, all qualities and prices
20 do painted Lawns do do
20 do black and light Alpaccas do do
20 do light Mousselines de Laine do do
15 do black Balzarine Calicoes do do
300 do light Calicoes do do
2 dozen rich handsome Silk Shawls
3 do rich emb'dr'd Mousseline de Laine Shawls
3 do rich Victoria Shawls
10 do fancy Silk Handkerchiefs, beautiful styles
20 do hemstitched and plain linencambrie Hdks
5 do Bustle Skirts
20 do light Kid Gloves
50 do cotton Hose, all qualities, from 12½ cts. up
10 do silk do
20 do Sunshades and Parasols
15 do new style Bonnets
10 do beautiful French Dimity Cuffs
5 do handsome French bonnet Caps
GENTLEMEN'S WEAR.
10 pieces wool-dyed black Cloths, very cheap
10 do invisible green and brown Cloths
20 do light and dark Cassimeres, all qualities
25 do Gambroons, plaids, and plain do do
15 do black and invisible green Summer Cloths
100 do Linen Drillings and plain Linens
50 do Irish Linens
20 dozen silk and kid Gloves
4 do light mohair and silk Scarfs
30 do handsome silk Handkerchiefs
26 do men's and youth's Straw Hats
And also a very extensive assortment of Domestic of every description. S. T. WALL,
Pennsylvania avenue, btw. 8th & 9th sts.
ap3-2w Opposite Centre Market.

PLAYING CARDS.

A large stock of Lemuel Smith's (successor of Caleb Bartlett) American Playing Cards, made of linen, and of superior quality, just received, and for sale, wholesale or retail, at New York prices, by **JAMES M. DORSETT,** Snuff, Tobacco, and Fancy Goods Store, Pa. Av. No. 11, East of Gadsby's Hotel. Mar 29

AUCTION SALES.

BY WILLIAM MARSHALL.
FURNITURE, GROCERIES, &c.

AT AUCTION.

ON SATURDAY MORNING, 6th inst., I will sell, in front of my store, a handsome assortment of New and Second-hand Furniture, the effects of persons declining housekeeping, and must be positively sold, without reserve, viz:

Mahogany Spring-Seat Sofas
do. do. Ottomans
do. do. Rocking Chairs
do. do. Parlor chairs,
Cane and wood seat chairs, Bureaux, Sideboards
Dining and Breakfast tables, Looking glasses,
Carpets, Andirons, Shovel and tongs,
Brass Stair Rods, Clocks, Washstands
China, Glass, Crockery-ware, &c.—Also:
10 Bags Roasted Coffee, 4 Boxes Tobacco
50 Boxes Cigars, Sale to commence at 10 o'clock.
apr 5—ts WM. MARSHALL, Auctioneer.

SPLENDID NATIVE STUFFED BIRDS.

AT AUCTION.

ON SATURDAY EVENING, 6th inst., I will sell, at Todd's Concert Hall, near Brown's Hotel, a splendid assortment of native American stuffed Birds, principally from the State of Virginia, and prepared by a gentleman of that State, persons wishing to procure a fine assortment of birds will find this a good chance to make a selection, there being nearly every kind of bird that can be found, and will be sold altogether, or separate, as purchasers may wish. Sale to commence at 7½ o'clock.
apr 5—ts WM. MARSHALL, Auctioneer.

BY R. W. DYER & CO.

ADMINISTRATORS' SALE OF IMPROVED AND OTHER PROPERTY.

ON Friday, the 12th inst., at 4 o'clock, P. M., we shall sell the following property, by order of the Orphans' Court, belonging to the estate of the late Capt. Joseph Johnson—

Lot No. 1, in square No. 664, and improvements, situated on I and J streets, on the Point, near the Eastern Branch. The improvements consist of a large two-story brick dwelling house, possessing every convenience for the accommodation of a large family, with smoke house, milk cellar, and corn crib.
Lot No. 1, in square east of square 664, on I street, east of J street, running to the channel of the Eastern Branch.

Half of Lot 10, in square 660, and improvements, situated on J street, near the Eastern Branch. The improvements are a small frame dwelling-house.

Lot No. 2, square 662, corner of J and I streets.

Do 4, do 602, on 2d street.

Do 10, do 609, on 1st street.

Half lot 1, do 660, on south Capitol street.

Part of lot 16, do 770, situated on 3d street, between M and N streets, with the improvements, which are a small frame dwelling-house.

And a lot in square 906, fronting 25 feet on 7th street, near the Navy Yard, without the improvements.

The sale to take place on the premises, commencing with lot No. 1, in square No. 664. Terms of sale cash.

JAMES JOHNSON,
H. D. GUNNELL,
Administrators.

R. W. DYER & CO.
Auctioneers.

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BANK AND STEAMBOAT STOCKS AT AUCTION.

ON Friday, the 12th inst., at 11 o'clock, A. M., we shall sell, at our auction store, by order of the Orphans' Court, the following stocks belonging to the estate of the late Joseph Johnson:

7 shares stock in steamboat Phenix
1 do in steam ferryboat Alexandria
2 do in steamboat Columbia
3 do in steamboat Osceola
20 do in steamboat J. Johnson
1 do Navy Yard Bridge
5 do in Bank of Washington
27 do in Bank of Metropolis.

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